



Marshall's Sale on Foreclosure.

with them have been commanded." The Queen next expresses gratification at the loyal offers of assistance from the colonies and from the native Princes of India, and states that the contingent from New South Wales "served with distinction."

The death of El Mahdi is accepted as a fact. Negotiations for the settlement of the difficulties between Egypt and the Sudan will continue, and the Queen trusts will last at an early date to a satisfactory settlement, but necessary steps are being taken to "place the North West frontier of India in a condition of adequate defence."

A "new department" has been established in Liverpool for the management of Scottish affairs, and measures taken "for increasing the number of occupying freeholders in Ireland."

The Royal Assent has been given to a bill "to diminish the evils of overworked and unsatisfactory dwellings, and to stimulate and encourage the removal of depression in towns, and to ascertain whether it can be alleviated by legislation."

The Queen announces her intention shortly to send counsel of her people by the dissolution of Parliament.

These are the main points of the Queen's speech, which, however, leaves many questions unanswered, and a variety of topics are left to be discussed by the Foreign Office.

The Queen's speech is a large one, and contains many interesting features.

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